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RE: Texas Public Information Act Request: Texas police data (Longview Police Department)

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August 15, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

Hi, in an effort to limit this request and the cost associated with it please provide an estimate for the cost of completing the following requests:

- ✓ 1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
- ✓ 2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
- ✓ 3. A copy of all complaints reported by civilians against police between 2013-2018.
- ✓ 4. A document indicating whether the civilian complaints identified in request #3 were sustained.
- ✓ 7. A list of all police shootings (including fatal police shootings, non-fatal police shootings and police shootings at a civilian that missed) between 2013-2018 that includes the date of each shooting, the names and race of each officer and subject involved, any weapons the subject was allegedly armed with, any injuries or death caused by the shooting, and whether or not the shooting was ruled justified following investigation.
- ✓ 8. A list of all uses of force causing death or serious injury between 2013-2018 that includes the date of each incident, the names and race of each officer and subject involved, any weapons the subject was allegedly armed with, and whether or not the use of force was ruled justified following investigation.

Thanks,

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On July 19, 2019:

Subject: Charge Letter

This correspondence is to notify you that a charge letter is being mailed to you certified. I have attached a digital copy for your records

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 903-237-1131.

Thank you in advance,

Melissa G Dobbs

Longview Police Department

Records Administrator

Office: 903-237-1131

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On July 18, 2019:

Subject: RE: Texas Public Information Act Request: Texas police data (Longview Police Department)

Hi Melissa,

Here are the answers to your questions:

Q. Are you wanting only those documents pertaining to formal investigations into complaints filed by citizens against officers for any reason, or only those complaints dealing with use of force issues.

A: Yes, documents pertaining to all formal investigations into complaints filed by citizens against officers (not just those involving use of force).

Q. Are you requesting only the information mentioned specifically (I.E. race, gender, weapons used, date, officers involved etc) or are you requesting the entire report on each case. Please note that these reports are releasable after redactions and there is a fee attached. We also need to clarify if by records you mean all documents or all records.

A: I'm requesting the entire reports for these incidents, including all relevant documents. I'm not requesting the videos/digital evidence however.

On July 18, 2019:

Subject: Re: Open Records request

Good Afternoon,

We have received your request for records pertaining to Longview Police Department incidents that occurred between 2013-2018. We would like to fulfill this request as soon as possible. Given the scope of the request, I would like to request clarification on the following information:

*3. A copy of all complaints reported by civilians against police between 2013-2018. *

Q. Are you wanting only those documents pertaining to formal investigations into complaints filed by citizens against officers for any reason, or only those complaints dealing with use of force issues.

7. All records regarding police shootings (including fatal police shooting, non-fatal police shootings and police shootings at civilians that missed) between 2013-2018.

Q. Are you requesting only the information mentioned specifically (I.E. race, gender, weapons used, date, officers involved etc) or are you requesting the entire report on each case. Please note that these reports are releasable after redactions and there is a fee attached. We also need to clarify if by records you mean all documents or all records. The term records applies to all records whether they be documents or digital (I.E. Videos, Recordings, Etc).

Again we look forward to fulfilling your request and appreciate your clarification on the above listed items.

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER

Sec. 552.222. PERMISSIBLE INQUIRY BY GOVERNMENTAL BODY TO REQUESTOR.

(a) The officer for public information and the officer's agent may not make an inquiry of a requestor except to establish proper identification or except as provided by Subsection (b), (c), or (c-1).

(b) If what information is requested is unclear to the governmental body, the governmental body may ask the requestor to clarify the request. If a large amount of information has been requested, the governmental body may discuss with the requestor how the scope of a request might be narrowed, but the governmental body may not inquire into the purpose for which information will be used.

(c) If the information requested relates to a motor vehicle record, the officer for public information or the officer's agent may require the requestor to provide additional identifying information sufficient for the officer or the officer's agent to determine whether the requestor is eligible to receive the information under Chapter 730 <<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/GetStatute.aspx?Code=TN&Value=730>>, Transportation Code. In this subsection, "motor vehicle record" has the meaning assigned that term by Section 730.003 <<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/GetStatute.aspx?Code=TN&Value=730.003>>, Transportation Code.

(c-1) If the information requested includes a photograph described by Section 552.155

<<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/GetStatute.aspx?Code=GV&Value=552.155>>(a), the officer for public information or the officer's agent may require the requestor to provide additional information sufficient for the officer or the officer's agent to determine whether the requestor is eligible to receive the information under Section 552.155 <<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/GetStatute.aspx?Code=GV&Value=552.155>>(b).

(d) If by the 61st day after the date a governmental body sends a written request for clarification or discussion under Subsection (b) or an officer for public information or agent sends a written request for additional information under Subsection (c) the governmental body, officer for public information, or agent, as applicable, does not receive a written response from the requestor, the underlying request for public information is considered to have been withdrawn by the requestor.

(e) *A written request for clarification or discussion under Subsection (b) or a written request for additional information under Subsection (c) must include a statement as to the consequences of the failure by the requestor to timely respond to the request for clarification, discussion, or additional information.*

*(f) Except as provided by Subsection (g), if the requestor's request for public information included the requestor's physical or mailing

address, the request may not be considered to have been withdrawn under Subsection (d) unless the governmental body, officer for public information, or agent, as applicable, sends the request for clarification or discussion under Subsection (b) or the written request for additional information under Subsection (c) to that address by certified mail.*

(g) If the requestor's request for public information was sent by electronic mail, the request may be considered to have been withdrawn under Subsection (d) if:

(1) the governmental body, officer for public information, or agent, as applicable, sends the request for clarification or discussion under Subsection (b) or the written request for additional information under Subsection (c) by electronic mail to the same electronic mail address from which the original request was sent or to another electronic mail address provided by the requestor; and

(2) the governmental body, officer for public information, or agent, as applicable, does not receive from the requestor a written response or response by electronic mail within the period described by Subsection (d).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 903-237-1131.

Thank you in advance,

Melissa G Dobbs

Longview Police Department
Records Administrator
Office: 903-237-1131

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On July 16, 2019:
Subject: Open Records request
Good Afternoon,

We have received your request for records pertaining to Longview Police Department incidents that occurred between 2013-2018. We would like to fulfill this request as soon as possible. To be able to do so I would like to request clarification on the following information:

*3. A copy of all complaints reported by civilians against police between 2013-2018. *

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On July 12, 2019:

Subject: Texas Public Information Act Request: Texas police data (Longview Police Department)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
3. A copy of all complaints reported by civilians against police between 2013-2018.
4. A copy of any documents indicating whether the civilian complaints identified in request #3 were sustained.
5. The policy manual of the police department.
6. The current union contract between the city and any police unions or police associations.
7. All records regarding police shootings (including fatal police shootings, non-fatal police shootings and police shootings at a civilian that missed) between 2013-2018, including incident-level information specifying the date of each incident, race and gender of all subjects involved, what weapon if any they were armed with, any injuries or deaths resulting from the incident, the names of all officers involved, whether administrative investigations found the incidents to be justified under police department policy and any disciplinary actions taken against the officers as a result of the incident.
8. All records regarding civilian deaths or serious injuries resulting from police use of force between 2013-2018, including incident-level information specifying the date of each incident, race and gender of all subjects involved, what weapon if any they were armed with, any injuries or deaths resulting from the incident and the names of all officers involved.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sinyangwe

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